



**MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST HANTS
Municipal Climate Change Action Plan Committee (MCCAP)
May 23, 2018, 10:00 a.m.
Sanford Council Chambers**

PRESENT: Councillor Jennifer Daniels, Chair
Councillor Rupert Jannasch
Councillor Debbie Francis
Martin Laycock, CAO
Madelyn LeMay, Director of Planning & Development
Kathy Kehoe, Director of Recreation
Brad Carrigan, Director of Public Works
Don Dignan, REMO Coordinator
Saira Shah, Planner
Velma Macumber, Planning Admin Assistant
Kristyn Remme, Planning Intern

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Daniels called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. She introduced Kristyn Remme, Planning Intern, who is from Avonport and will graduate from the Natural Resources Environmental Technology program at the NSCC in Port Hawkesbury in June. Ms. Remme hopes to pursue a career in land reclamation, rehabilitation and hopefully conservation work. She is completing her program's work term requirement by researching Low Impact Development for the Municipality.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA & ADDITIONS

The following item was added under New Business:

- Lyme Disease

Moved and Seconded that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 10, 2018

Moved and Seconded that the Minutes of the Municipal Climate Change Action Plan Committee of April 10, 2018 be approved noting errors or omissions.

Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Update: Hantsport Storm Water Management Plan (Brad Carrigan)

Mr. Carrigan advised that the final report was received from the consultants, and as part of the contract, they will present their findings to the MCCAP Committee. Ms. Shah stated she will make arrangements with the consultants to give a presentation for the next MCCAP meeting.

Update: Falmouth Storm Water Management Plan (Brad Carrigan)

Mr. Carrigan stated there was no new information. This matter can now be removed from the agenda.

Update: PCAP & FRIPP Program Funding

Mr. Carrigan advised that the funding applications were submitted. He reported that the Province advised him that due to the number of applications submitted, the amount of money available may be less than applied for. Mr. Carrigan informed the Province that the Municipality would still be interested in proceeding with the applications. He advised that he unsure of the processing time.

NEW BUSINESS

Lyme Disease

Councillor Jannasch expressed concerns regarding Lyme Disease and its potential to be one of the first epidemics caused by climate change. He asked if the Municipality had any responsibility with respect to raising awareness about Lyme Disease to municipal residents. He also asked if the Municipality should distribute information about the risks.

Mr. Dignan advised that he sits on the Community Health Board and has received information from Andrea Parker concerning Lyme Disease. He noted that on the REMO Website there is an article on Lyme Disease.

Councillor Jannasch suggested that Council approach the local Community Health Board with respect to cases of Lyme Disease in the Municipality.

Mr. Laycock advised that although the issue of Lyme Disease is an important one, it is a Provincial matter, and the Municipality does not have the resources to do an extensive awareness campaign.

Ms. Shah suggested obtaining information from the Province that could be posted on the Municipal Website, and the Municipal Facebook. Mr. Dignan volunteered to provide information from reputable sources that could be distributed. Councillor Jannasch and Chair Daniels agreed to releasing the information to residents and Council members.

MISCELLANEOUS

Presentation: Creating Incentives and Regulating Low Impact Development (LID) (Intern Kristyn Remme)

Ms. Remme gave a Power Point Presentation to the Committee with respect to creating and regulating Low Impact Development (LID). She advised that the MCCAP Committee determined that the three most concerning hazards are: inland flooding, coastal flooding, and drought. Ms. Remme's report covers the basics of LID and how it can be used within the Municipality to reduce flooding risks in the future. She gave some background information on the issue of storm water volumes and how Low Impact Development can be a solution.

Ms. Remme reviewed some LID site design strategies and structural designs. She also highlighted methods used by other municipal units to regulate and encourage LID. Ms. Remme noted that there are some limitations for LID in West Hants such as karst terrain.

Chair Daniels thanked Ms. Remme for her presentation. She asked if some requirements could be incorporated into development agreements and planning documents. Ms. LeMay advised that there are some limitations placed in development agreements already. Ms. LeMay suggested that Ms. Remme's final report could be presented to and received by PAC/HAC to provide background information for the Plan Review. Ms. LeMay commended Ms. Remme on her report.

Mr. Dignan asked if the Forest Lakes Country Club Resort Development uses a Low Impact Development Strategy simply because it wishes to, or whether the LID strategies used are required by the development agreement. Ms. LeMay will research this information.

Councillor Jannasch asked if there were any LID practices for agricultural uses. Ms. Remme stated that these practices are used mainly for densely populated residential areas.

Chair Daniels stated she liked the incentives with respect to rain barrels and suggested researching programs.

Mr. Carrigan stated that he felt that the replacement of the parking area on Foundry Road in Hantsport would be a good opportunity for the Municipality to use the LID techniques. Chair Daniels and Mr. Laycock agreed that the Municipality could lead by example. Councillor Jannasch suggested in hindsight, that the parking lot of the Newport Rink could have been used as an example of LID.

Ms. Remme stated she drafted a brochure for the Committee with LID information and that any feedback would be appreciated.

Councillor Jannasch asked for an update on the potential for a joint application between the Town of Windsor and the Municipality for the FCM Staff Grant program. Ms. Shah advised that she had spoken to one of the planners for the Town, Devin Lake, and he expressed an intention to submit a joint application from the Town of Windsor and the Town of Wolfville. Although this intention was not finalized at that time, the Municipality's application will not include Windsor due to time constraints.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next MCCAP meeting will be determined at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved and Seconded that the meeting adjourn.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Chair